

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 24, 1852.

The Intelligencer.

Office Nos. 25 and 27 Fourteenth Street.

We have received a copy of Mr. Wm. Leighton's new poem called "Change—The Whisper of the Sphinx." It is most carefully brought out by J. B. Lippincott & Co. the publishers, and we shall take an opportunity to speak further in regard to the merits of the poem.

GENERAL TOWNSEND attributes the recent reverses of the Democratic party to the spasmodic contraction of the Democratic throat in its efforts to swallow the "value idea." "If the Democrats absorb the issue with the Nationalists," says the general, "they will win." In 1880 the general predicts Thurman or Hendricks, or both, provided, always, there is no crumbling on the part of the Democrats on the all-important question of the paper money. We print this information for the market of the editor of the Western Democrat, to let him see that he is not alone in his foolishness.

The Future of Gas.
Mr. Fuller, the electrician, is very confident electricity will in time supplant gas as an illuminating agent. He has several inventions of his own intended to help in the supplanting. Gas stocks will for a time further depreciate but their recovery is certain, and can be hastened if the companies are enterprising. He suggests that offer a large reward for the best gas stove for all sorts of household purposes, and for the best plan for houses to be heated by gas. The best gas for heating purposes is made from bituminous coal, and gas stocks will again be good property and the anthracite coal monopoly will be broken. Mr. Fuller is looking a considerable distance ahead, and what he sees become plainer as time passes.

Earnings of the Pennsylvania Railroad.
The following are the details of the summary given yesterday morning in regard to the comparative earnings of the Pennsylvania Railroad for October. They are the fact that the business of all lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pittsburgh and Erie, for October, 1878, as compared with the same month 1877, shows:

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It should be put upon record that a majority of the correspondents at Halifax are decided that the Princess Louise is a handsome woman, an opinion which has been generally entertained by those who have seen her face or her picture. It is now declared by all of these gentlemen, except the Tribune's correspondent, that the photographers have done her great injustice, and that she is really good-looking. Their writers were perhaps under the influence of the glamour of royalty and were not able to be critical. The Tribune was the only one who attempts to paralyze, and he says that, although her features are fine in detail, the general effect is not attractive. It may be that a lady independent people of this nation. The Hanover court has certainly not been marked for beauty on either the male or female side, and the blood that has been mingled with it by alliances has not contributed to its improvement. The Princess Louise is, however, an exception to the family rule in at least one respect. In her age—thirty years—both men and women of the line usually run to grossness, but she still preserves a waist, and the value of the majority proclaims that she is not a dowdy.

Albany Row Between a Catholic Priest and a Parishioner.
PORTLAND, Me., November 28.—A curious case of Catholic intolerance has recently occurred at Waterville. An Irish named Gallagher died, and his parents desired to bury him in a Protestant cemetery. This was considered a violation of the church rules by the priest, Rev. Father Hildebrand, who publicly accused his people in church of not attending the funeral. This aroused James Cavanaugh, who walked right out in meeting, saying that he should go to the funeral, and he declared it no disgrace to do so. His parents then told him to shut his mouth and leave the church, which he refused to do, and a lively colloquy followed. Quiet was finally restored and the service proceeded, but the next day Father Hildebrand complained of his parishioners for disturbing a religious meeting, and the case was heard, both parties appearing as their own counsel. Cavanaugh said that he had been driven to protest against the priest's oppression in exacting money from poor parishioners; that the trouble about Gallagher's burial arose from a refusal to visit the dying boy without being paid money, and his heartless words, "Your boy may die like a dog, but he won't get his fee; and that, when the boy's sister begged to have some religious services offered for the soul of the church, she was turned away with the assurance that her brother was in hell. Cavanaugh said that this was only an instance of the priest's oppression, and he had borne it as

BY TELEGRAPH.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Kanucks Still Toying With the Royal Pets.

Misplaced Love Ends in Suicide—Jacob Friday's Married Life.

---The Trail of the Serpent Over It All.

Bob Ingersoll's Lecture Tour—Big Audiences and Satisfactory Pecuniary Results—His Parting Shot at Beecher.

A New Phase of the Pomerania Disaster—Bulkhead Doors Open—A Piece of Criminal Neglect.

Secretary Nehruv Considers the Indian Question—And Makes Valuable Suggestions for the Consideration of Congress.

A Sheriff's Posses Badly Riddled by a Negro Outlaw in Louisiana.

THE POMERANIA DISASTER.

WIPES FROM THE RECORD.

NEW YORK, November 27.—The following dispatch was received to-day regarding Ernest B. Lucke, wife and three children, passengers on the Pomerania: Ernest and family lost. While speaking to a friend at New York, Lucke said that he got off at Plymouth but crossed the channel direct. His friend said, "don't you know it's not lucky to continue a voyage in a vessel after it has once touched land with you."

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WASHINGTON.

SUCCESS OF THE FOUR PER CENT—FURTHER ISSUE POSSIBLE.

WASHINGTON, November 27.—In his annual report to be submitted to Congress next Monday the Secretary of the Treasury will probably announce the sale of four per cent bonds to the amount of over one hundred million dollars during the past year. The Secretary is of the opinion that the sale of the four per cent bonds for the year will reach three hundred million dollars. If the sale of four per cent continues at the rate which is now anticipated the probability is that the next Congress will have to authorize a further issue of that series of bonds. The total amount now authorized by law is one thousand million dollars. There seems to be no doubt at all that it will be perfectly feasible to fund all the outstanding six per cent bonds in four per cent in a comparatively short time. The Secretary's former recommendation that authority be given to issue a bond of as low a denomination as \$10 to bear interest at the rate of 3.65 per cent. This will be for the benefit of persons of small means, and will tend to increase the circulation of the Government securities. The Secretary is enabled to be a creditor of the Government.

WASHINGTON, November 27.—This morning Deputy Marshal Stillwell, of the Northern Illinois District, arrived here with a certified copy of the indictment recently found by the U. S. District Court at Chicago, charging Hill, supervising architect of the Treasury, and Mills, a contractor, and others, with conspiracy to defraud the Government. He had also warrants for the arrest of Hill and Mills and for presenting them to the Chief Justice bench warrants were issued, and the two men were taken to the jail at Chicago. The ball fixed in Court was \$50,000 each, and the same amount was fixed here for their appearance to answer the indictment. The case was set for trial on December 16th, which was postponed to the 27th next, on account of the illness of the Government attorneys. The case was set for trial on December 27th next, on account of the illness of the Government attorneys.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

THE AFGHAN WAR.

LAHORE, November 27.—General Roberts reached Fort Mahomed Azim, near Fort Kharum, without opposition. It is reported that the Amir of Afghanistan, upon hearing of the fall of Fort Ali Musjid, released his son Yakub Khan.

PORT KHAHUM OCCUPIED.

LONDON, November 27.—Fort Mahomed Azim, otherwise called Fort Kharum, was occupied by the British troops this morning. The Afghan garrison fled to Peshawar, and the northern extension of the Kharum Valley, where they are expected to offer resistance to the further advance of Gen. Roberts.

BERLIN, November 27.—It is thought that the speech of Gen. Kauffman, at Tashkent, in reference to the sword to the Afghan envoy for transmission to the Amir, was made, if at all, previous to the signatures of the Treaty of Berlin.

DISPATCH FROM DARKE. Says the roads through the Kharum Khylat Pass are insecure because of the native population. Robberies are frequent, and there have been one murder. Three hundred members of a tribe near Ali Musjid threw up entrenchments and maintained a musketry engagement of three hours.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, November 27.—Vigorous measures are being taken for the effectual suppression of the Trans-Vaal rebellion. The mail steamers of the Cape of Good Hope line are being fitted as transports. The first reinforcements will sail early in December.

THE FERRY BOAT DISASTER.

LIVERPOOL, November 27.—It is feared that fifteen persons were drowned by the disaster to the ferry boat, which was in collision with the ships anchored in the Mersey river yesterday.

ARGENTINE. The Duke of Argyle, formerly Secretary of State for Ireland, publishes a letter denying certain assertions in Lord Cranbrook's dispatch. He says the Gladstone government did not conclude an alliance with the Amir of Afghanistan, and the latter demanded that it should be offensive and defensive and should pledge England to protect even his descendants against internal and external foes.

HUNGARY.

ANOTHER DOMESTIC.

PETH, November 27.—Last night while the Hungarian Parliament was sitting, the Count Andrássy and the members of the delegations, a bomb exploded in the alley. The examination of the fragments showed that the bomb had been charged with dynamite. The windows of the building were shattered, and several persons were hurt. There is no clue to the perpetrator of the outrage. Great excitement prevails.

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